#### LOCAL MENTION.

Andrew Shorter, alias "Smut," was fined \$15 in the police court yesterday for stealing an overcost from Douglass Harris.

A handsome gold medal was awarded to Mr. Joseph Gatto at the Italian ball for selling the largest number of tickets.

You all want the lest. Don't take my word for it, but order a case or dozen Ricchester Beer (mail and hops), and if not the best your money will be refunded.

1209 Pennsylvania avenue.

The board of surgeons for the police and fire departments will meet on the second Wednesday in each mouth for examination of enndidates.

What did Mr. Niesen say ?

George Bell, a colored Washingtonian, is incarcerated in the Marlboro' jail, charged with setting fire to W. C. Duly's tobacco barn, in Prince George county.

This Howland Bental Association, No. 211 Four-action-mail street northwest, three doors north of Pennsylvania access, do all kinds of Bental Work. All work warranted first class. Have administered nitrous exists to over 20,000 persons.

The commissioners have notified Mr. S. C. Clark that the unprovement of Eighth street, between A and D streets southeast, is in-cluded in the estimates for next year.

Green Durbin was charged with stealing a gold watch from W. C. Dougherty in the po-lice court yesterday and the case was sent to the grand jury, bonds being fixed at \$500.

GENTLEMEN needing the services of an experienced physician who makes diseases of men a specialty should some 12 cent-in postage stamps for THE Laws of LIPE AND HEALTH," a new book of inestimable value. It gives sound sovice and information, and is comprehensive in detail, Address the author.

147 East Fifteenth street, New York.

The thirteenth district republicans have elected as delegates to the central commit-tee John Howard Smith, A. M. Clapp, and W. H. Chase, with Lemuel Gibbs and J. W. Curry as alternates.

WHAT did Mr. Nissen say?

The case of Patrick Gallagher was nolle prosequied in the criminal court yesterday. He was charged with cruelty to animals, but was afterward pronounced to be insane. He will be taken to the insane asylum.

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING of all descriptions bought and the highest cash prices paid. Call or address S. Guggenheimer, 623 Seventh street southwest. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

The Lower Potomac Open.

The river at Alexandria and below is now already free from ice. Navigation is open and steamers are arriving and departing. The New York steamer E. C. Knight, which has been detained at Quantico for some time, came up yesterday evening.

WHAT did Mr. Nissen say 7

The Curtie Building.

Parents of the children attending the schools in the Curtis building complain of the condition of the play ground belonging to that building. During the wet weather of this winter the mud has been nearly ankledeep, and it is hoped that an appropriation secured from this congress to remedy

"Alderney Dairy Wagons."

Fresh Alderney butter churned every morning, and delivered in ½1b. "Ward" prints, at 50c, per lb. Also cottage cheese, 5c, per ball; buttermilk, 5c, per quart, and sweet milk, 5c, per quart.

## Special Botices.

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE the rooms, corner blueten and astrial school will be held at the rooms, corner bluetenth and H streets morthwest, MONDAY, FEB. 4, at 2 o'clock. Rooms open from 1 to 7 to receive visitors and contributions. 11 A MEETING OF THE REPUBLICANS of the chick district will be held FRIDAY NORTH 17 (20) of look, at the church corner of Tenth and V sis, N. W. 11.

A HOUSE WARMING AND POUND pital, 1106 F street, FRIDAY, PEBRUARY, Income o'clock through the evening Refreshments, misse, and dancing. All are cordially invited, A significance for admission.

ROP POSTOFFICE NOTICE.

Lotters for Europe used not be specially directed for dispatch by any particular steamer in order to secure speedy delivery at destination as all Trans-Atlantic mails are furwarded by the fastest vessels available.

Atlantic mails are forwarded by the lastest vessels available.

Foreign mails for the week ending Feb. 2, will close at the office as follows:

FRIDAY.—At 10 a. m. for Central America, the South Parific Ports, and the West Coast of Moxico, per steinmeling Acaputes, via Aspinwall.

SATURDAY.—At 0 a. m. for Entrope, per steinmeling to the century of Serim, via Queenstown letters for Germany, &c., must be directed "per City of Berlin' it at 0 a. m. for Feotianal direct, per attending America, via Gioscow destrer sits of Berlin' it at 0 a. m. for Feotianal direct, per steinmelin America, and the contract per attending to the contract per attending to the contract per steinmeling and the month of the week per steinmeling for the contract per steinmeling for the formal formal for the formal for the formal for the formal formal for the formal for the formal formal for the formal formal for the formal for the formal formal for the formal formal formal formal for the formal formal for the formal formal for the formal formal formal for the formal for the formal fo

lenne, for China and Japan, per steamship Arabic la rean Francisco), close here Jan. \*[1] 7 p. m. Malis for Australia, New Zealand, other and right Islands, per steamship City of they evin San Francisco), close here Feb. \*[7], m. for on arrival at New York of steam ip City of Chester with British mails for Aus-dia.

Tradia;

"The schedule of closing of Trans.Pacific mails is arranged on the presemption of their uninterrupted overland transit to san Francisco. Mails from the Last arriving on time at san Francisco the day of saling or stranger are dispatched thence the same day.

"I ENTY O. FEARPON, Postmaster.

Postmaster. New York, Jan. 25, 1984.

THE STOCKHOLDERS

WASHINGTON GASLIGHT COMPANY washington or a state of the contract of the election of directors for the election of directors for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the company on MONDAY, FEMILUARY 4, 1884.

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### FATHER STEPHAN.

A Talk with the Distinguished Catholic Missionary of Dakota.

Sitting Bull's Account of the Fight Where Custer Was Slain.

Rev. Father Stephan, a famous catholic priest, who has been for four years among the Sioux in Dakota, is in the city. Father Stephan was for four years agent at the Standing Rock agency and had charge of Sitting Bull and his tribe, and is quite popular among them. He is stopping at 1101 G lar among them. He is stopping at 1101 G street northwest, and was seen there by a REPUBLICAN reporter last night. Fatuer Stephan is GI years of age, but looks younger. He has fron gray hair and a long heard of the same hue, that gives him a patriarchial appearance. A pair of restless gray eyes look out from beheath shangay eyebrows with a keen but kind glance, whose sharpness is tempered by a very pleasant voice. While speaking a slight German accent can be detected, and his "ra," which are pronounced broatly and clearly, bear out the impression of his German nationality. He came to this country thirry-loor years ago as a civil engineer. He served four years ago as a civil engineer. He served through the late war as chaplain of the union through the late war as chaplain of the union hospital at Nashville, Tenn. After the close of war he went to Indiana, where he was stationed up to about seven years ago, when he accepted the agency at Standing Rock, from which position he has just resigned on account of ill health. When at Prague, Austria, some years ago he became very intimate with Abbe Liszt, the great planist. In speaking of the great master he is loud in his praise. He pronounced Liszt to be the greatest planist living, but said that his personnol was not imposing. "He is," said Father Stephan, "a tall, spare man, with forret-like eyes, and has long, wavy hair. He speaks slowly and is very eccentric. The days I spent in his company were the happiest of my life."

race, "said he, "and in my connection with them I came to understand them theroughly. They can easily detect a lie, and when once they are told one, will never trust the utterer again. Sitting Bull was in my agency, and not long ago told me the true history of the Custer massecre. Ho said that the troops would not let his people alone, and were constantly terrorizing them. "Two days before the fight," quoted Father Stephan from Sitting Bull, "my people came to me and said that the 'Long-haired Chief' was coming to drive us into the agency to compel us to sign the treaty, we did not want to sign the treaty, we did not want to sign the treaty, we did not want to sign the treaty, and the 'great father' had once lied to me, and I would not trust him." In describing the word, the fight. Sitting Bull said, "The troops came to us beside a stream, probably the Little Big Horn, and talked with us, telling us that we refused to do, and they then fired on us, killing two squaws and a papoese. By this time our braves were ranged on the side of a ravine and completely surrounded the troops had been killed, we drove these into the stream and killed them."

"Sitting Bull told me the story several times and it was always the same, never deviating one word from his original story. The only way to make Indians behave and at the same time do them justice is to abrogate all treaties and make them citizens of the United States. When once taught a thing they never forget, and some of them make excellent farmers. I have settled 250 families and they have rigidly respected, but the government pays \$25,000,000 for 25,000 troops, but only \$400,000 for 170,000 Indians. So the amount per capita will not permit them to hardly subsist. The treaties they have made they have rigidly respected, but the government has been the first to break them. To make them dependent on their own resources for their support and teach them mo will be contained 64-10 grains of santonin, the active principle of wormwood. The average dose of the free first to br

make them dependent on their own resources for their support and teach them to respect and obey the laws like white men will be one of the greatest triumphs of civilization"

come grayhaired waiting until the quarrel is settled." Father Stephan is located at Jamestown, where he has quite a large parish. He au-nounced his intention last night of appearing before the house Indian committee and lay-ing before them his view. He will go to New York in a day or so to arrange for the transemigrants to Dakota, but eturn here before going back to Jamestown.

THE Scott Art Galleries, 1419 and 1421 New York avenue, are attracting the attention of connoissures of art, the psintings on exhibition there being of a much higher close than has very bean slown in this city. Exchanations of pleasure and admiration follow a view of Bougereaus masterpiece, the study of which alone is well worth the cost of admiration to all the galleries. Art loyers should not fall to examine this collection.

The Homeopathic Pound Party.

At the house warming pound party to be given this afternoon and evening at the new iomeopathic hospital building, 1106 F street, the following named ladies will act as the reception committee: Mrs. Teiler, Mrs. Nordhoff, Miss Waite, Mrs. Giffillan, Mrs. Dr.
Verdi, Mrs. Totten, Mrs. A. S. Pratt, Mrs.
Lewis Clephane, Mrs. Henry D. Cooke, Mrs.
Wilcox, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Dr. Pope, and Mrs.
J. D. Cook, Jr. The mere mention of the fact
of the active participation of these ladies in
this entertainment is all that is sufficient to
insure to those who are disposed to aid this
worthy enterprise by their presence a most
cordial welcome and two or three hours of
genuine enjoyment. Music by Douch's band.
Dancing will be the feature of the evening's
entertainment, and in addition there will be the following named ladies will act as the re-Dancing will be the feature of the evening's entertainment, and in addition there will be various other attractions. A number of prominent society young ladies will assist at the different tables, gypsy tent. Rebecen's well &c. Several of theyoung ladies of Mrs. Semera's school will take special charge of the confectionery table. The entertainment will commence at 4 o'clock and continue through the evening. A slight admission charge will be made after 7 o'clock.

PERSONS recovering from wasting diseases benefited by the use of Brown's Iron Bitters

## The Ice Gorge.

The commissioners, at their meeting yesterday, discussed the anticipated freshet. They decided to hold a conference to-day at 10 a clock to adopt some feasible methods to break the ice embarge. Citizens are invited to advance suggestions as to the best plan for elearing the river. The signal office has been notified that the ice has broken about forty miles up the river, and a heavy rise is ex-pected. Changes will be reported from Great

MOTHER SWAN'S WORK SYRUP, tasteless, effec

The case of Susanna Steep against James J. Carroll for \$5,000 damages was heard in the circuit court yesterday. She claimed \$5,000 for injuries sustained by being goaded by a ferocious cow in November, 1881. The jury yesterday returned a verdict granting \$325 for the plaintiff.

SHORE Commercial Cigura.

The People's Insurance Company. Articles of incorporation were recorded yesterday for "The People's Co-operative Insurance Company of the United States," with the following trustees: C. A. Barker, A. H. W. Clum, Frank F. Laporte, Louis C. Walsh, and Oscar P. Schmidt.

A Blissing Lady.

Mrs. Sneed, of Charlottosville, Va., left her says: home on the third of January to visit friends in Baltimore and has not been seen since. cline."

The lady is 35 years of age and usually dresses in black. Her brother-in-law is in the city looking for her.

THE NEW GAS COMPANY.

What One of Their Number Says They Will Do if Given a Charter by Congress.

"The United States Gas, Electric Light and Fuel company propose to furnish the residents of Washington with gas as low as \$1.25 per 1,000 feet," said Mr. William Dickson last night to a REPUBLICAN reporter.

night to a REPUBLICAN reporter.

"What are your plans?"

"As soon as the charter is granted by congress works will be built and the necessary machinery put up for the manufacture of the water gas. The people will be given a chance to purchase the majority of stock. That it is no scheme was clearly shown the district a house committee Tuesday evening, when, by invitation, the district commissioners, the representatives of the Washington Gas Light company, and Messra A. W. Fietcher, C. H. Parsons, Henry E. Loane, a noted gas expert, and my Henry E. Loane, a noted gas expert, and my-self were present at the committee's room. Arguments of all kinds were made, and the Washington Gas company's former president

Washington Gas company's former president admitted that among our corporators such men as Thomas Doisto, Hamilton Disston, William I., Elkins, and William M. Singerly, all Philadelphia, and representative men of that city, were of a class that would not lead themselves to base purposes or enterprises. This company has plants now in full operation in many of the large cities, notably in Baltimore, where the operations of the company and the quality of its gas can be inspected at any time. In Baltimore time gas furnished by this company is by far cheaper, purer, and of a better kind than that made by its competitors. That this comby its competitors. That this company means busines, I will read certain sections of the bill of incorporation, where it requires the company to give security in the sum of \$100,000 to the district commissioners, which is to be held and considered as liqui-dated damages, that our corporation will not sell out to any company, directly or indi-rectly. In short, if it undertakes to sell out spent in his company were the happiest of my life."

In speaking of the Indians, he said that great injustice had been done them, and declared that the only way to deal with them was to do so fairly. "They are a strange race," said he, "and in my connection with them I came to understand them thoroughly.

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and obey the laws like white men will be one of the greatest triumphs of civilization."

Father Stephan said that the Indians of Standing Rock agency were now a quiet and peaceable tribe, and created little or no disturbance. "What the territory needs," exclaimed he, "is young and active men. The people out there are tired of this Pettigrew-dordway fight, and take nostock in it. Why, half the residents of the territory will become grayhaired waiting until the quarrel is nestled." contained 6 4-10 grains of santonin, the active traces. There are, however, many cases of acute alcoholic poisoning where quite a large quantity of alcohol had been taken before death and where traces only were found; but in almost every case alcohol was discovered in the brain of the victim, even by its peculiar odor." The professor, therefore, makes no conclusion as to the actual cause of the fatal end of the child, whether by alcohol, by santonin, or by both, and, with the report of his chemical investigation, leaves the conclusion. his chemical investigation, leaves the conclusion to the meditation of the pathologist, Another report of the analysis of the bitters will be made in a few days.

SMOKE Commercial Cigars.

Dismal Swamp Lottery Cases. Judge Meade, of the corporation court of Alexandria, Va., yesterday delivered an opinion in the Dismal Swamp lottery cases, overruling the demurrers of the defendants, who alleged that the commonwealth was estopped from prosecuting this case by de-cisions in like cases in favor of the defendcisions in like cases in favor of the defend-ants, and that the legislature never had re-pealed and could not repeal the Dismai Swamp company's lottery privileges, because they constituted a contract between the state and the company. The defendant then pleaded not guilty. A jury was empaneled, a verdict of guilty rendered, and the imprisonment fixed at one day and the fine at \$5. A stay of sixty days was allowed, the defend-ant to close his establishment pending the decision of the case by the court of appeals,

GREAT bargains. Selling out entire stock of new and second-hand Clothing, Overcoats, first-class merchant tailors' make, little worn; Watches, Jewelry, Guns. Pistols, Hats, Caps, and other goods too numerous to mention. The building will be taken down and I will retire from this business. Call and secure bargains.

J. Henzos,

308 Ninth street northwest,

A Serious Accident.

A serious accident occurred to Henry Lar-man, the 12 year old son of Mr. Henry Larman, of the district water department, yester day afternoon. The injured boy was playing with several other boys in the half finished buildings on A street, between Fourth and Firth streets southeast, when he accidentally fell through two stories, striking his head, and breaking his leg. He was removed to his home, on Fourth street, near B street southeast, and Dr. Bayne summoned.

The Illinois Republicans. A large meeting of the Illinois Republican State association was held last night at St. George's hall. 'The following new members were elected: Messrs. E. T. Barrett, H. M. McNeal, T. G. Green, W. H. Chadsey, George M. Trimble, L. N. Parrish, H. L. Bruce, O. M. Watts, L. M. Habercom, H. Moore, R. L. Eming, and Dr. S. C. Balsch.

Bible Lecture.

The fourth lecture by Rev. A. W. Pitzer, D. D., will occur this evening at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association, 1409 NewYork avenue, at 7 o'clock; subject, "The Canon of Scripture." Those lectures are growing in interest and the attendance is increasing. They are free to all.

"Rough on Coughs" Troches, 15c.; liquid, 59c,

Grand Army Delegates.

The full list of delegates from the department of the Potomac to the national encampment of the Follomic to the Industry and the Republic, comprises the Constitution of the Republic, comprises the Col. Charles King; alternates, M. M. Holland, Edw. Webster, and J. B. Cutler.

JEFFEESON CITY, Mo.—Dr. J. C. Riddler says: "Persons who use Brown's Iron Bitters always speak well of it. It is a good med-citio."

# WAR PRICES ABOLISHED.

## PANIC IN FINE OLD WHISKIES. GEORGE W. DRIVER

Earnestly thanks the citizens of Washington for their liberal patronage during the past twenty-two years. He is determined to keep pace with the times, and hereby informs his patrons and the public generally that he has invested heavily in and perfected arrangements for the control of large lots of the Popular and CELEBRATED BRANDS OF FINE OLD WHISKIES, such as "Monticello," "Overholt," "Gibson," and "Hand-made Sour Mash and Bourbon," at figures that will enable him to retail the same at the bar of his establishment from this date at the reduced price of TEN CENTS. Also all the imported goods, such as Scotch Whisky, fine Old Port and Sherry, Jamaica and St. Croix Rum, Holland Gin, &c., either straight or in cocktails, punches, or sours. A pony of fine old Brandy at the same price. These goods are the finest and best known in the market, and cannot be excelled at any bar in this or any other city, and are such as are sold for fifteen and twenty cents elsewhere. They are drawn and sold from the original packages, just as received, without alteration or adulteration, and their purity is therefore guaranteed.

As an earnest of my intention of supplying PURE LIQUORS ONLY I have had ten of my liquors analyzed by the eminent chemist, Prof. Thomas Antisell, and some of his analyses are here given. I have spared no expense in

having them analyzed for several reasons:

PIRST.—To satisfy myself that I am selling Pure and Unadulterated liquors, as I profess, SECOND—To silency the false assertions in regard to liquors made by some persons who are entirely ignorate of the subject.

THIRD—To give assummes to a large number of incredulous people who think that Pure Liquor does not exist, or, at least, is not for sale.

The samples of liquor I have given to Prof. Antisell were taken from my casks, are of the same quality which I have sold, do sell, and intend to sell hereafter. Prof. Antisell has a national reputation as a chemist, and no one will question his pre-eminent ability.

Statement of Prof. Antisell.

The samples of Liquors and Wines furnished me by Mr. George W. Driver for examination, and which were chemically tested by me, and the results of which are herein noted, were completely free from metallic or carrily saits, or any poismous ingredients derived from the derived from the animal or vegetoble kingdom.

They are specimens of pure liquors in the classes to which they belong.

THOMAS ANTISELL, M. D.

Old Monticello Ryc. ANALYSIS.—The strongth in alcohol of Whisky is 52% parts per cent. and on evaporation leaves an extract about 10 parts in 10,000 of liquor. This Whisky is free from any hislification or deleterious substances, and may be considered a very choice Liquor. No alcoholic liquor can be purer.

THOMAS ANTISELL, M. D., Chemist.

Sour Mash Boarbon Whisky (Hand Made). ANALYSIS.—This Whisky is overproof strongth, yielding 52% per cent. of alcohol. It is remarkably free from extractive residue, containing nothing but the color derived from the cosis. It is free from all adulterations of lead or other metallic poison, and is an excellent quality of whisky.

THOMAS ANTISELL, M. D., Chemist.

Holland Giu.

ANALYSIS.—This article is a pure product of distillation. It contains 57 parts of alcohol in 100, and

yields the merest trace of sugar. There is no metal-ile sait present to give it artificial strength, and it is free from any astringent vegetable substance. The odor is that derived from the distillation of the juni-per berry. It is a very pure lique. THOMAS ANTISELLA, M. D., Chemist. Ramsay Scotch Whisky.

ANALYSIS.—This Liquor possesses the strength of legal proof spirits of the United States standard, and leaves on evaporation less than 2 parts in 10,000 of extract possessing the well known peaty odor of distillation. It leaves neither ask no saecharine residue, and it may be considered a very superior article of Whisky.

THOMAS ANTISELL, M. D., Chemist. THOMAS ANTISELL, M. D., Chemist.

Sherry Wine. ANALYSIS—This wipe has a dry, aromatic flavor, with the flavor of the ethers produced by the fermentation of the grape, and contains 13 per oeu, of alcohol. The extractive matter of the wine is free from galite and maile acids, and yields an ash sightly alskaline. For medicinal or other purposes

o ilquor can be more fitted, THOMAS ANTISELL, M. D., Chemist,

My Restaurant Department and Cafe are first class in every par-

ticular, and the larder is always stocked with everything choice that the markets afford at reasonable prices. Handsome Dining Rooms for Ladies. First-class Table Board at \$5.00 per week.

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in all one of the most complete places of public comfort in Washington. Remember, I have done what no one else in Washington has ever attempted in having my wines and liquors analyzed. It proves be-

yond a doubt that pure liquors can be had at my establishment. GEO. W. DRIVER, 1343 Penna. Avenue.

CANDLEMAS DAY.

Optimo

The Time When the Ground Hog Comes

to the Front as a Weather Prophet. Saturday is known in the Roman and Anglican church calendars as Candlemas: day, In this country the same solemnity is not paid the service as in some Catholic countries of Europe or in England. On that day the faithful can be seen bringing wax candles to their churches to be blessed by the priest, part of which are given to the church to be burned upon the altar, the residue carefully put away at home for religious rites when

needed in the household. The day is more properly regarded as the feast of the 'purification of the Virgin Mary. It has an early and unknown date in Christian history. Some consider it a Christian festival engrafted upon a beathen one, arising out of the observance of the festival of "Februation," or purification of the people of pagan Rome. The popular name is derived from the church of Rome, by a blessing of the candles by the priests and a a blessing of the candles by the priests and distribution of these among the people, by whom they are afterward carried in solemn procession. The custom was also observed in the church of England for many years. The pope on this day officiates in the chapel of the quirinal, and after the ceremony is placed in his chair and carried in procession. It was designed to commemorate the churching, or purification, of the Vir-gin Mary, and the candle bearing is understood to be what Simon said when he took the infant Jesus in his arms and detook the infant Jesus in his arms and de-clared that He was a light to lighten the Gentiles. Henry VIII in 1539 proclaimed that "on Candlemas day it should be de-clared that candle bearing is done in memory of Christ, the spiritual light whom Simon did prophesy." It was customary also to re-move Christmas trimmings on this day. It was customary in Scotland for the boy or girl who gave the school teacher the most money as a present to be styled king or queen and to be borne along the streets in gay pro-cession. Foot ball matches were played by the rival sections of a town or becession. Foot ball matches were played by the rival sections of a town or be-tween married and single men. There is a superstition that good weather on this day indicates a long continuance of winter and a bad crop, and foul weather is held to be a good omen. All are familiar with the old Scottish rhyme:

If Candiemas day be dry and fair The haif o' winter's to come and mair; If Candiemas day be wet and foul. The haif o' winter's gone at Yule.

In Germany there are proverbial expressions: First, the shepherd would rather have the wolf enter his stable on Candlemas day than the sun; second, the badger peeps out of his hole on Candlemas day, and when he finds snow walks abroad; if sunshine, he draws back into his hole. In America the ground hog is the weather prophet, and upon his movements that day the character of the weather depends for several weeks thereafter.

SMOKE Commercial Cigars.

Star of Hope Lodge Good Templars. The general activity throughout the order of Good Templars in the district, which is very marked, and which is resulting in growth of membership and general efficiency growth of membership and general sflicioncy in the temperance reformation to an extent never before attained, is reflected in Star of Hope Lodge, which is located at Riggle's hall, corner Nincteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. The meeting held on hast evening was the largest yet held by the lodge, and the enthusiasm manifested was great. Several applicants for membership were initiated, and to these an enjoyable reception was tendered at the close of the ceremonics.

A large amount of routine business was

tendered at the close of the ceremonies.

A large amount of routine business was transacted, after which the election of officers for the ensuing term was entered upon, with the following result: Mr. M. P. Caldwell, W. C. T.; Miss Mamie Saymour, W. V. T.; Mr. F. E. Woodward, W. R. S.; Mr. C. H. Lamson, W. A. S.; Mr. W. M. Barelay, W. F. S.; Mr. L. H. Lanman, W. T.; Mrs. W. M. Johnson, W. C.; Mr. George Johnson, W. M.; Miss Ida Lanman, W. D. M.; Miss Mamie Lowerapt, W. I. G.; Mr. Jos. Weeks, W. O. S.; R. H. S., Mrs. F. E. Woodward; L. H. S., Miss Maggie Herbort, and Miss Carrie F. Brookfield, musical director. For the "good of the order," the lodge was entertained with of the order," the lodge was entertained with

an address by the G. W. C. T., Mr. Kalstrom. At its meeting on next Friday evening the lodge will receive a fraternal visit from Ciements lodge.

Michigan Republican Association A meeting of the Michigan Republican association was held at Timms's hall, corner Seventh and D streets, last evening, with President R. A. Horlan in the chair. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance, and after the miscellaneous business was transacted a motion prevailed to give an enter tainment to the Michigan delegation in congress, and a committee of six were appointed by the chair to make arrangements for the same, composed of Hon. C. P. Lincoln, E. G. Boonard, L. E. Gridley, A. M. Sprague, H. M. Newcomb, and N. J. Smith.

A Little Polish Wair. In the midst of a small crowd at the Balti more and Potomac depot yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock was a little Polish child, whos friends, having gone south, had accidentally left her here. The little one could speak but very little English; yet managed to say that her name was Sophia Kasin. A Polish emigrant and his family, who came in by a later train, took the little one in charge, and will deliver her to her parents, who went to Bowling Green, Ky. Bowling Green, Ky.

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TARRELL,—On Jan. 30, 1884, Mrs. Eugenia L., wife of Hon. J. Tarbell, of Mississippi. Funeral will take place Priday. Feb. 1, at 12 m., from the residence of her hubband, 918 and 920 New York avenue northwest. GODFREY.—On Jan. 31, 1884, at 722 Twelfth street, of diphtheria, Heller Storms Godfrey, only daughter of Im and Emily Godfrey, aged 7 Friends are requested to attend funeral at residence Sureny, Feb. 3, at 2 o'clock. Simany, Feb. 3, at 2 o'clock.

HUNTEIL—Suddenly, at 8:45 p. m. Jan. 29, 1884, WILLIAM HUNTEIL, in the 78d year of h is age. Punegal from the residence of his brother-in-law, Joint T. Leiman, No. 1100 Twelfth street north-west, on Friday, Feb. 4, at 2 p. m. His friends and those of the family are invited to attend.

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